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SUBJECT: APRIL 27 LEFTIST DEMONSTRATION IN ADANA
1. FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING DEATH APRIL 26 OF A TEA HOUSE OWNER AND A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE IN ADANA, APPROXIMATELY 7000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN AN IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION/FUNERAL MARCH THIS MORING.
2. THE FIRST MARCH (TO THE HOSPITAL TO PICK UP THE CASKETS) CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 3000 PEOPLE AND WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS OF EQUAL SIZE. THE FIRST SECTION WAS MADE UP OF LEFTIST STUDENTS CHANTING "THE DEAD ARE MARTYRS" AND CARRYING A LARGE BANNER WHICH READ: "REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY WAY".

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THE SECOND SECTION WAS LED BY SELAHATTIN COLAK, THE MAYOR OF ADANA, AND WAS APPARENTLY MADE UP OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES MARCHING IN SYMPATHY FOR THEIR CO-WORKER. THIS GROUP MARCHED IN SILENCE.
3. THE SECOND MARCH RETURNED BEARING THE CASKETS AND HAD
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INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 7000 PARTICIPANTS. THIS MARCH WAS CLEARLY A LEFTIST SHOW OF STRENGTH. SOME OF THE BANNERS WHICH THEY CARRIED READ/ "LET THE MURDERERS BE FOUND", WE MUST UNITE AGAINST FASCISM, AND THE "THE IDEALIST HEARTH ORGANIZATION MUST BE BANNED." THE DEMONSTRATORS' CHANTS DISPLAYED A MORE VIOLENT TONE: "DEATH TO THE FASCISTS", AND "ADANA WILL BE A GRAVEYARD FOR THE FASCISTS."

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4. ALSO DISTURBING WERE THE ANTI-AMERICAN CHANTS. SINCE WE
ARE ON THE MAIN AVENUE, DEMONSTRATIONS PASS DIRECTLY IN FRONT
OF THE CONSULATE. DURING THIS MARCH, THE DEMONSTRATORS
FREQUENTLY CHANTED: "DOWN WITH AMERICA", AND "AMERICA BE GONE" AS
THEY PASSED US. THERE WERE NO ANTI-AMERICAN BANNERS.
5. ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, THE APRIL 26 DEATHS OCCURRED
WHEN A TEA HOUSE OWNER ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT A GROUP OF
TWENTY IDEALIST HEARTH MEMBERS FROM ERASING LEFTIST SLOGANS

FROM HIS TEA HOUSE'S WALLS. THE GROUP FIRED INTO THE SHOP
KILLING THE OWNER, A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE, AND WOUNDING A
WATCHMAN.
6. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED
FOR A MAY 1 MARCH THROUGH ADANA. THE PROFESSIONAL QUALITY
OF THE BANNERS, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE APRIL 27 DEMONSTRATION
UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECT THE PREPARATIONS WHICH HAVE GONE INTO
THE MAY 1 MARCH. THE APRIL 26 SHOOTING INCIDENT ADDS AN
EMOTIONAL FOCUS FOR THE UPCOMING MARCH AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING
THAT AMERICANS AVOID THE DOWNTOWN AREA DURING THIS LONG
WEEKEND.
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